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Udyan Marg, Greater Kailash, Makki Sarai, Vivekananda Camp, Mandir Marg, Shahdara Railway Station, Shastri Park, Man Singh Road, Kotla Mubarakpur, Sadiq Nagar, Gautam Nagar, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Complex, Hari Nagar, Tikona Park, Minto Road, CGO Complex, Ashok Vihar, Lajpat Nagar Fly-over, NBCC-HUDCO Complex, Andrews Ganj, Posangipur, Janakpuri, etc. All these squatters have been settled on a permanent basis in developed colonies wherein conditions of living are far superior to those prevailing at the squatted sites.

After clearance, immediate development is carried out and it is ensured that the jhuggies do not re-appear at the same site. Instructions have also been issued to the police to remain vigilant and not allow any fresh squatters to come on the cleared site.

As regards encroachments in DDA colonies, the DDA has reported that it has taken action to remove 2790 unauthorised constructions, 70 illegal constructions in flats and 107 encroachments on plotted area during the period 01.01.2000 to 30.06.2000.

Transfer of Land by Salt Department

1676. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land measuring approximately 5375 acres has been transferred by the Salt Departments to his Ministry;
- (b) if so, the useful purpose for which the land has been used;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries; and
- (d) the earnings of Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 24th December, 1985 decided that the lands having become unsuitable for salt manufacture should be transferred to the Ministry of Urban Development. Appropriate action to take over and develop these

lands for different useful purposes are in the advanced stage of finalization.

Policy for unauthorised colonies settled during 1993 to 2000 in Delhi

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to regularise all unauthorised colonies which came into existence during the period from 1977 to 31st March, 1993;

(b) if so, the details about these colonies togetherwith the number of persons likely to be benefited;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many unauthorised colonies have come into existence in Delhi during the period from March, 1993 to March, 2000; and

(d) if so, the total number thereof togetherwith the estimated number of persons settled therein and the policy of Government in regard to them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) In early 1993, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi decided to recommend to the Government of India for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi which had come up before March 31, 1993. Soon thereafter, a public interest writ petition was filed by the Common Cause in the Delhi High Court against this proposal/recommendations. The High Courts, in its interim orders, stayed action or decision by the Government for regularising these colonies.

On the directions of the Court, a High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issue on unauthorised colonies. On the

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